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Applicant: Subramaniam C. Krishnan Paper No.:
Serial No.: 10/648,844 Group: 3762
Filed: August 25, 2003 Examiner: Deborah Leslie Malamud
For: **Method and Apparatus for Locating the Fossa Ovalis and Performing Transseptal Puncture**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

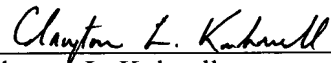
In the Official Action dated April 19, 2006, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-3 and 12, indicated in the Official Action as being drawn to a method of identifying the fossa ovalis, classified in class 600, subclass 509.
- II. Claims 4-10 and 13-15, indicated in the Official Action as being drawn to a method of performing a transseptal puncture, classified in class 600, subclass 508.
- III. Claims 11 and 17-18, indicated in the Official Action as being drawn to a catheter, classified in class 607, subclass 122.
- IV. Claims 19-20, indicated in the Official Action as being drawn to a transseptal apparatus, classified in class 607, subclass 119.

Applicant hereby elects claims 11 and 17-18. The Election is made with traverse on the basis of the Applicant's belief that it would not be unreasonably burdensome for the Examiner to consider all of the claims as originally filed.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction requirement, and further examination of the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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